

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the fourth paragraph on page 30 with the following amended paragraph:

Accordingly, as shown in Figs. 21(B), 22(A) and 22(B), barrier and wiring metal (35, 36) that fills each of the holes (3) and each of the wiring grooves (28), the barrier and wiring metal (35, 36) having first portions (37a) on the base oxide film (12) and second portions (37b) at a middle section of the upper oxide film (26) above the first portions (37a), and each of the first portions (37a) having a width w1 [smaller] wider than a width w3 of each of the second portions (37b).